

On pages 56-57, the paragraph starting on line 29 of page 56 was amended as follows:

The islet preparation was then mounted on glass slides with depressions to prevent the islets from losing their shape. FLUOROGUARD ~~Fluoroguard~~ Antifade Reagent (BioRad, Hercules, CA) was the mounting medium used. All positive BrdU cells per islet were counted for each of the three harvest days. On Day 4, there were 1.5 times more positive cells in the islets cultured in the 5X IDC53.1 CM than in the control. On Day 8, there were 2.9 times more positive cells, and on Day 12 there were 3.5 times more positive cells, as compared to the control.

On page 63, the title was amended as follows:

ZINS1 POLYPEPTIDE COMPOSITION STIMULATING PANCREATIC ISLET GROWTH ~~Compositions and Methods for Stimulating Pancreatic Islet Cell-Regeneration~~

In the claims:

Claim 1 was amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated A protein produced by a method comprising:
culturing a host cell into which has been introduced a DNA expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:
a transcription promoter;
a DNA segment comprising a nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 from nucleotide 76 to nucleotide 417; and
a transcription terminator, wherein said host cell expresses the polypeptide encoded by said DNA segment; and
recovering said protein.

Claims 4 and 5 were canceled.